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**MS Amendment**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 7, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply contains:

**Amendment to the claims** beginning on page 2;

**Remarks** beginning on page 5.